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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY AUGUST 2, 2012**

**Sacramento City Hall
915 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
9:00 a.m.**

The public meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority Board was called to order on August 2, 2012 at 9:03 a.m. at the Sacramento City Hall, Sacramento, CA.

Members Present: Lynn Schenk, Vice-Chair
Tom Richards, Vice-Chair
Bob Balgenorth
Jim Hartnett
Michael Rossi
Thomas Umberg

Members Absent: Dan Richard, Chairman

Pledge of allegiance was administered by Vice-Chair Lynn Schenk.

Minutes prepared in the order items were presented during the meeting.

Public Comment

An opportunity was made for public comment. Speakers commented on a variety of topics.

Agenda Item #1-Approval of Meeting Minutes from April, May, June & July Meetings

Meeting minutes were reviewed by the Board. Mr. Hartnett moved for approval. Ms. Schenk seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously (5-0).

Agenda Item #2-Approval of Caltrans Inter-Agency Agreement for the Relocation of Hwy 99

Mr. Richards recused himself from the room for agenda item #2. Mr. Tom Fellenz presented to the Board for its approval a budget up to \$225,900,000 for the relocation of Highway 99 from its current location within the limits of Ashland Avenue through Clinton Avenue in the City of Fresno. Mr. Hartnett moved to adopt the resolution. Ms. Schenk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Agenda Item #3-Approval of Amendment to Small Business Program to address a 10% DBE Goal

Mr. Richard returned to the room, and rejoined the Board, for Agenda Item #3. Ms. Fonseca presented to the Board for its approval the inclusion of a ten percent DBE goal that would be race neutral within the thirty percent small business goal as described in the small business program plan. This would also authorize Mr. Jeff Morales, CEO of the Authority, to submit a revised small business program plan for the inclusion of the ten percent to the FRA for their formal approval. Mr. Richards moved for approval. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Agenda Item #4-Approval and Adoption of Environmental Justice Policy and Guidance

Ms. Fonseca presented to the Board for its approval to adopt the Environmental Justice Policy and Guidance, and a request for approval to authorize Mr. Morales to transmit the Environmental Justice policy and guidance to the FRA with the proposed amendment of Resolution HSRA #12-22 to read "The High-Speed Rail Board has reviewed the policy and guidance" and delete the word "approves." Vice-Chair Schenk moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

Agenda Item #5- San Jose to Merced: update process and timing for the 'Wye' decision per Board's May 3rd direction

Mr. Leverenz provided an update on the process of the 'Wye' decision for the San Jose to Merced Section, and the process of engaging the stake holders that helped generate multiple conceptual alignments as needed. The team will continue to gather input, and coordinate with the technical working group to obtain local agency input. The team will also conduct public information meetings, and further stakeholder meetings.

Based on the results of this process, the Authority will complete project B, the 404 process; the supplemental A; and will return and report back to the Board in December 2012 seeking direction at that time on which specific alignments to include in the draft EIR/EIS. Mr. Hartnett requested to have another report on this item prior to December 2012's board meeting.

Agenda Item #6- REVISED DRAFT EIR/EIS Fresno to Bakersfield Presentation

Mr. Abercrombie provided an update on the Revised Draft EIR/EIS Fresno to Bakersfield section. Mr. Abercrombie discussed that the revised EIR/EIS documents were released on July 20, 2012 with the 60 day comment period. This comment period will close on September 20, 2012. All comments that are received during this period, as well as the comments from the period for the 2011 document, will be addressed in the final EIR/EIS formally. Mr. Abercrombie reported that the data from those comments will be reviewed, and the Authority will work with cooperating agencies to come up with a preferred alternative to bring to the Board this fall.

Agenda Item #9-CEO Report

Mr. Morales presented to the Board the CEO Report disusing the significant progress that has been made since the last board meeting. Mr. Morales reported on the approval of the funding package and the governor signing the package into law. Mr. Morales discussed the priorities for the Authority, which are building an organization capable of delivering this program, strengthening partnerships with regional agencies and other stakeholders, and expanding the Authority's capability to deliver the project. Mr. Morales further reported that the Authority has identified candidates to fill senior staff positions. The Authority is in the final process of bringing the candidates on board.

Mr. Morales discussed the meeting with Caltrain to look at how the Authority will start with electrification of that system, which is funded through this program. The Authority expects to see the first milestones in this program to be achieved this fall. The CTC approved the productivity project, which was \$900-plusmillion of improvements in the bookends. The Authority expects to see the first allocation of those funds as early as this month by the Authority from Metro link to start up, and report to the board on the progress of those projects.

Mr. Morales further discussed that the Authority will issue a response to the Bureau of State Audits on the state audit report. Each of the items that the BSA has identified, in the response, the Authority shows not just a commitment to address its issues but actual results in dealing with its issues.

Agenda Item #7-Update on Title VI Program

Ms. Fonseca presented to the Board that on March first 2012, the board adopted the Title VI Policy for approval by the FRA. Ms. Fonseca forgot to say that the FRA approved the Title VI program on May 25th.

Agenda Item #8-Update on Small and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Disparity Study

Ms. Fonseca presented to the Board that on September 15th, 2011, the FRA directed the Authority to conduct a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Disparity study. Ms. Fonseca reported that the Authority will be moving forward with completing the availability and disparity study by July 2013. The study will examine the availability of DBEs who are ready, willing, and able to participate in high-speed rail projects and examine what extent there are disparities between availability of DBEs and the utilization of the Authority's past federally-assisted contracts.

The Board Adjourned into Closed Session at 10:58 a.m.

Agenda Item #10-Closed Session Pertaining to Litigation

The Board returned with nothing to report

Vice-Chair Richards adjourned the board meeting at 12:46 p.m.